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U. S. STRATEGIC BOMBING SURVEY (USSBS)Memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence

1. The United States Strategic Bombing Survey (USSBS), organized by the Secretary of War on 3 November 1944 at the direction of the President, is approaching completion. The question of the disposition of the files therefore requires action.
2. The materials involved include printed reports, documents, microfilm and photostats resulting from investigations both in Europe and Japan. Certain portions undoubtedly have intelligence value for further investigations in military, economic and other fields. At the conclusion of the Survey's work there will be upwards of 150 filing cabinets of material, of which parts can be discarded as having no future use or as being already available elsewhere.
3. The enclosed draft directive (Enclosure A) establishes a procedure for screening the materials and for making recommendations for their final disposition. Paragraph 3 of N.I.A. Directive No. 1 provides a procedure by which the necessary formal directive can be published and carried out by unanimous approval of the Director of Central Intelligence and the Intelligence Advisory Board, without action by the National Intelligence Authority.
4. If all members of the Intelligence Advisory Board concur in the draft without substantial change, a meeting will not be necessary. It is recommended that the draft directive be approved and that each member of the Intelligence Advisory Board arrange for the necessary implementation by his department.

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Director.

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